launched under the aegis of Ministry of SSI and ARI in collaboration with Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI). The scheme *inter-alia* will cover loans upto Rs. 10 lakhs from the Banking Sector.

The scheme is likely to enhance flow of Credit to Small Scale Sector and help in overall growth of this sector including employment generation.

Interest Free loans to Co-operative Banks in Andhra Pradesh

2694. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to grant interest free loans to cooperative banks in Andhra Pradesh as requested by the State Government; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when it is likely to be granted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL) : (a) No, Sir. There is no such proposal to grant interest free loans to cooperative banks in Andhra Pradesh.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

Computerisation of Banks in Meghalaya

2695. SHRI ONWARD L. NONGTDU : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to State :

(a) whether computerisation and internet services have been made in all branches of nationalised and rural banks in Meghalaya;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, by when the above facilities are likely to be provided in these banks; and

(d) the steps being taken/proposed to be taken by Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL) :(a) and (b) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has reported that eight public sector banks have thirteen computerised branches in Meghalaya and they do not provide Internet services. The KA Bank Nongkyndong Ri Khasi Jaintia, the only rural bank functioning in Meghalaya, has reported that till date none of its banches are computerised.